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Senate Resolution 61

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st and Williams of the 19th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. James Cecil Nobles; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. James Cecil Nobles was born on February 25, 1935, in Long County,
- 3 Georgia, and graduated from Ludowici High School in 1953; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Nobles earned an associate's degree from Brewton Parker College, a
- 5 bachelor's degree in business administration from Georgia Teachers College, and a master's
- 6 degree in education from Georgia Southern University; and
- 7 WHEREAS, for nearly a decade, Mr. Nobles taught in the Long County Public School
- 8 System, dedicating his days to educating the youth of Long County and serving as an
- 9 important role model and leader in the lives of children; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Nobles was elected Sheriff of Long County in 1968, and, at the time, was
- one of the few sheriffs in Georgia to hold a college degree and the only one to hold a master's
- degree; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 2001, Highway 301 North near Mr. Nobles's residence was renamed in his
- 14 honor as "Cecil Nobles Highway"; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Nobles has served as Long County Sheriff for over 40 years, having been
- 16 re-elected ten times; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a dedicated and hard-working public servant, Mr. Nobles currently stands as
- 18 the second longest serving sheriff in the United States and the longest serving sheriff in the
- 19 State of Georgia; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Nobles has been united in love and marriage to Peggy D. Nobles for 50

- 21 years and the two are blessed with three loving and remarkable sons, five wonderful
- 22 grandchildren, and two beautiful great-grandchildren; and
- 23 WHEREAS, Mr. Nobles is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and
- 24 by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
- 25 sound principles of law enforcement; and
- 26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
- 27 gratitude for the unique and courageous contributions of local law enforcement officers on
- 28 behalf of the citizens of this state.
- 29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 30 commend the care, fortitude, and selfless dedication exhibited by Mr. James Cecil Nobles
- 31 in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for over four decades and extend to him
- 32 their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of
- 33 public servant.
- 34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. James Cecil Nobles.